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how state dollars are spent. But if you want to see them expended in an efficient and effective way for the purposes that we set, then we need the kind of restrictions that Senator Bourne was suggesting we might not like if we didn't like his amendment. I don't agree with Senator Bourne in that context. Those are state dollars. They're being spent for state purposes and we do have an interest in seeing that they are spent effectively and efficiently for the purposes that we set out. That is much different than compelling with a carrot the state of Omaha...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...or the city of Omaha...excuse me. Is that the way it is, the state of Omaha, to do what they will not otherwise choose to do for themselves? That's a different subject, Senator Bourne, an entirely different subject than what we as representatives of this...of our districts and the state decide to do with state resources and how we intend to make sure that they are employed effectively. Senator Chambers makes an interesting suggestion that, if you vote for Senator Bourne's amendment, that that means that inevitably you have to vote for the bill. Oh, I don't know about that. I feel sorry for the people that Senator Bourne represents, maybe Senator Hilgert, Senator Preister and Senator Chambers, I do feel sorry for them. If they have a city council that is so unresponsive...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: ...to the...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Tyson.

SENATOR TYSON: Thank you, Mister...thank you, Mister...soon as I reassemble, now that I've finished destroying the equipment, thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the body, I just want to make a few comments about Senator Bourne's amendment, which I support. I support it as fully as I oppose this bill. I think what sometimes we overlook is some idea of what a city is. A city is an organization made up of all the citizens to do collectively what they cannot well do individually; therefore,